

# **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

**Full Council 14/10/2021**

## **Community Speedwatch**

**Agenda item 21/071 7: To RESOLVE to register for the Community Speedwatch Programme and confirm the group operator/co-ordinator.**

### **Community Speedwatch (CSW)**

Since April 2021, PC Lee Turnham from Thames Valley Police has been overseeing a CSW pilot study. Further to the success of the pilot study, over the next 3 months, the new CSW platform is being implemented in the Thames Valley, gradually bringing all interested parties on board. The ethos of the new platform is that Community Speedwatch is driven by the community for the community, and it is envisaged that members of the public will be involved as well as parish councils.

Aspects of the new CSW platform are:

- TVP will provide training with regards to GDPR and relevant policies. The training of operatives to use the equipment will be down to those that own it.
- Based on the training, operatives will identify potential CSW locations. These will be certified for use by PC Turnham.
- Once locations are certified, Speedwatch sessions can be booked on the CSW system. At the end of a session the operative will upload captured data to the system and where needed, letters will be automatically sent out. Relevant images are captured onto an SD card negating the need for a separate laptop.
- An “CSW adhoc” option will also be available. If a certified location is unavailable for a booked session, e.g. roadworks at that location, then operatives will be able to move to an alternative certified spot.
- If the data proves a particular location to be a “speeding hotspot”, then the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be deployed to enforce speeding fines. If speeding continues to be an issue, the Road Policing Teams will be deployed. If the speeding issue remains unresolved, the evidence collected will be used to support further preventative measures to be taken in that area i.e. traffic calming.
- TVP will provide £50m public liability insurance, free of charge, for all Speedwatch operatives.

For TVP to approve an Automatic Speed Watch Camera (ASWC) for CSW purposes, the camera must be used on a tripod, manned by at least 2 operatives and must NOT be bright yellow in colour. TVP’s cameras are likely to be in dark green or black.

## **West Berkshire Community Speedwatch**

Organisations in West Berkshire can join the CSW programme from the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

From the information supplied, the process is as follows:

1. A nominee registers SMPC with a CSW account and undertakes training. The training consists of six 2 minute videos and a final quiz.
2. Once the training is completed, the nominee is registered as the group operator/co-ordinator.
3. The group co-ordinator adds the proposed site locations for Mortimer to the system. These are assessed and certified by PC Turnham.
4. Once the locations have been certified, speed watch sessions can be undertaken as desired during daylight hours.